

Quotes from Oregon real estate and minority communities on the release of the American Dream Homeownership Toolkit for Oregon

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" Homeownership is too important to be taken for granted. The Oregon HUD's Office release of the Oregon HUD American Dream Homeownership toolkit gives the public and local elected officials an easy way to see how their community is doing on homeownership measurements. Now it's easy to compare not only with other Oregon cities and counties, but also the rest of the United States. The National Association of Realtors

and the Portland Metropolitan Association of Realtors are proud to continue working with HUD to promote the American Dream Down payment program. "

Melvin Broadhouse, REMAX Real Estate Equity Group Broker (Beaverton)

"Wow! Really good information tool.

Administratively it works as a benchmark to show where improvements are needed as compared to other areas of the country regarding homeownership rates. The loan estimator is user friendly and provides practical information for prospective borrowers to make intelligent decisions about various loan programs work as tailored to their own needs. This Estimator tool will surely help to build the confidence families need to reach for the dream of homeownership."

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"At the Skanner we believe that homeownership is the key to economic independence. That's why we have been a leader in showing that low rates of minority homeownership in Oregon are direct obstacles to independence that CAN be overcome. This new Toolkit, from the Oregon HUD Office, allows every Oregonian to see side-

by-side homeownership rate comparisons between cities and counties within Oregon and with the United States as a whole. Looking at those comparisons, it's real clear that there is a LOT of room for improvement here in Oregon "

Fernando Velez, Consumer Information Specialist, Oregon Department of Consumer and Business Services

"Consumers need information they can use. The new HUD Oregon American Dream toolkit loan estimator makes it easier to see how programs like the HUD American Dream Downpayment Program can help reduce the costs of getting into a home, and whether a family will qualify for them. Compliments to the HUD Oregon Office for this promising new supplement to other educational and counseling programs designed to help first time homebuyers."

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